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WELDING METHOD

AMENDMENT-D UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the <u>final</u> Office Action dated March 5, 2009, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim listing which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.